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PROPOSED TRANSFER OF SMIRNOV TO SEATTLE IN PLACE OF MAKSIMENKO (1943)

From: WASHINGTON

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1647

17 July 43

To STEPANOV, [i] VORONTSOV. [ii]

By agreement with AKULIN[iii] and PITERSKLI[iv] to satisfy our joint needs Lieutenant-Commander [KaPITAN LEJTENANT] SMIRNOV[V] is being transferred to SEATTLE, Captain 1st Rank MAKSIMENKO[vi] [1 group unrecovered] to WASHINGTON. Officially his role is that of PITERSKIJ's assistant. In practice he is used for handling documents on operational and tactical questions and the Convoy Service. [Of To leave MAKSIM]ENKO in SEATTLE is inadvisable. He does not know the language, his rank is too high for the duties he is performing, relations with the local authorities are becoming strained. He has no inclination towards operational work. With the office work he will be of substantial assistance to us. His wife is an interpreter and will satisfy our common requirements.

No. 512[a]

ECORICHEV[Vii]

Note: [a] Referred to in WASHINGTON's Nos. 1658, 1659, 1660, all of 17th July 1943 (3/NBF/T1235, 1236, 1237).

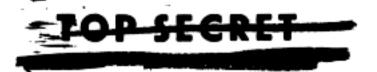
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Comments: [i] STEPANOV Appears in the text as Name No. 24.

Vice-Admiral G. A. STEPANOV was appointed Chief

of Naval Staff on 18th March 1943.

[ii] VORONTsOV : Not known.

This name is spelt out. Vice-Admiral [iii] AKULIN

M. I. AKULIN, a deputy chairman of the S.G.P.C.

in WASHINGTON.

[iv] PITERSKLJ This name is spelt out. Capt. (1st Rank)

N. I. PITERSKLJ, head of the USSR Routing and

Convoy Office in WASHINGTON.

[v] SMACERINOV Naval Officer at PORTLAND.

[vi] MAKSIMENKO: Soviet Naval Representative in SEATHLE.

[vii] ECORICHEV : Appears in the text as Name No. 5.

Capt. 1st Rank I. A. EGORICHEV was Soviet Naval Attaché in WABHINGTON.

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